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Report of the 2003 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. By its resolution 45/215 of 21 December 1990, the General Assembly decided, inter alia, that the adoption and signing of the Final Act of the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities should be replaced by the adoption of a procedural report of the Conference.

2. The Conference was held at United Nations Headquarters on 4 November 2003.

3. The Conference was opened by the Assistant Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs.

B. Attendance

4. The Conference was attended by representatives of the Governments of the following States: Algeria, Bahrain, Bhutan, Brazil, China, Estonia, Ethiopia, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Maldives, Malaysia, Malta, Monaco, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan, Russian Federation, Samoa, Senegal, Singapore, South Africa, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates and United States of America.

5. Representatives of the following organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations and the specialized and related agencies also attended the Conference: United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

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C. Election of officers

6. At its meeting on 4 November, the Conference elected by acclamation Mr. Agim Nesho (Albania) as President of the 2003 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities.

D. Documentation

7. The Conference had before it the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretariat on operational activities for development of the United Nations system (A/CONF.204/1);

(b) Note by the Secretary-General concerning contributions pledged or paid at the 2002 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities as at 30 June 2003 (A/CONF.200/2);

(c) Background information on programmes and funds for the 2003 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities;

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on comprehensive statistical data on operational activities for development for 2001 (E/2003/57).

E. Announcement of pledges

8. The Conference heard the announcement of pledges by a number of Governments to one or more programmes and funds and took note of the fact that, while several Governments were not in a position to announce their contributions, they proposed to communicate their announcement of such contributions to the Secretary-General as soon as they were in a position to do so after the closure of the Conference.